

Bio for Alan Davis

Alan Davis grew up on a farm in rural North Carolina and began his career in Safety as a Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician while still in high school. After getting a BS Degree in Occupational Safety & Health from NC A&T State University, Alan went on to hold Safety Management Positions in Textiles with Sara Lee, Chemical Manufacturing with Church & Dwight (Arm & Hammer), Healthcare and Higher Education with the University of Washington, and Commercial Fishing with both Tyson Seafoods and American Seafoods Company. He has lectured on Healthcare Safety, Commercial Fishing Safety, and Other issues from Beirut to Waikiki. Alan has also served in various American Society of Safety Engineer Chapters and is now a Past President of the Puget Sound Chapter of ASSE.

With nearly nine years of experience with commercial fishing companies, Alan has recently been re-elected as Vice Chair of the United States Coast Guard's Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Advisory Committee. Alan is also a member of the Seattle Fishermen's Memorial Board and assisted the National Academies with the recent review of NIOSH's research in Agriculture Forestry and Commercial Fishing.

Father of two children, Zane & Mariah, in his spare time, Alan serves as a member of the Cascade Nordic Ski Patrol and participates in outdoor training activities with the Washington Alpine Club.

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A brief note about my background. I have a Bachelors Degree in Occupational Safety & Health from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and 18 years of experience in Occupational Safety & Health Management in various industries including; Textiles, Chemical Manufacturing, Higher Education, Healthcare and Commercial Fishing. In the 9 years I have been involved with commercial fishing I have sailed multiple times on at least 9 vessels and been involved with inspections and repairs on approximately 49 vessels. I am a Certified Safety Professional and a Professional Member of the American Society of Safety Engineers. I have served the Puget Sound

Chapter in a variety of roles including Chapter President and Regional Board Member. I have spoken at two International Fishing Industry Safety & Health Conferences. In 2007 I was honored to be appointed by National Academy of Sciences to represent the Commercial Fishing Industry on a panel reviewing 15 years of NIOSH research in Agriculture, Forestry and Commercial Fishing. I have also served for almost 3 years on the United States Coast Guard Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Advisory Committee as the Vice Chairman and as Chair of the Risk Management Sub-committee.

As the Safety Manager for American Seafoods Company, I am responsible for the Health and Safety for 11 vessels and the 1000 men and women that work on them. It has been my distinct pleasure to participate in improving health and safety in commercial fishing and my hope is that that these hearings will assist OSHA in better understanding our industry and our challenges.